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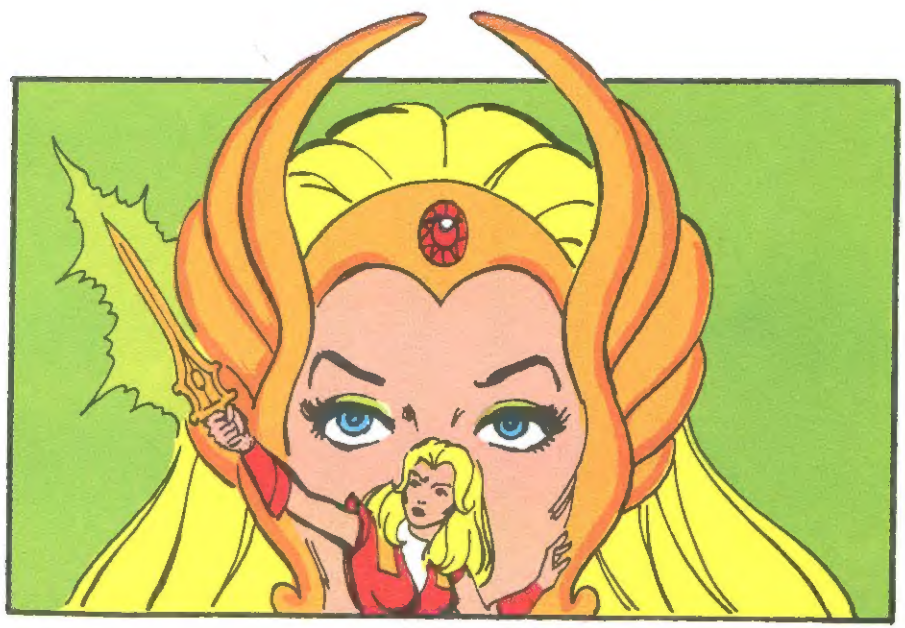

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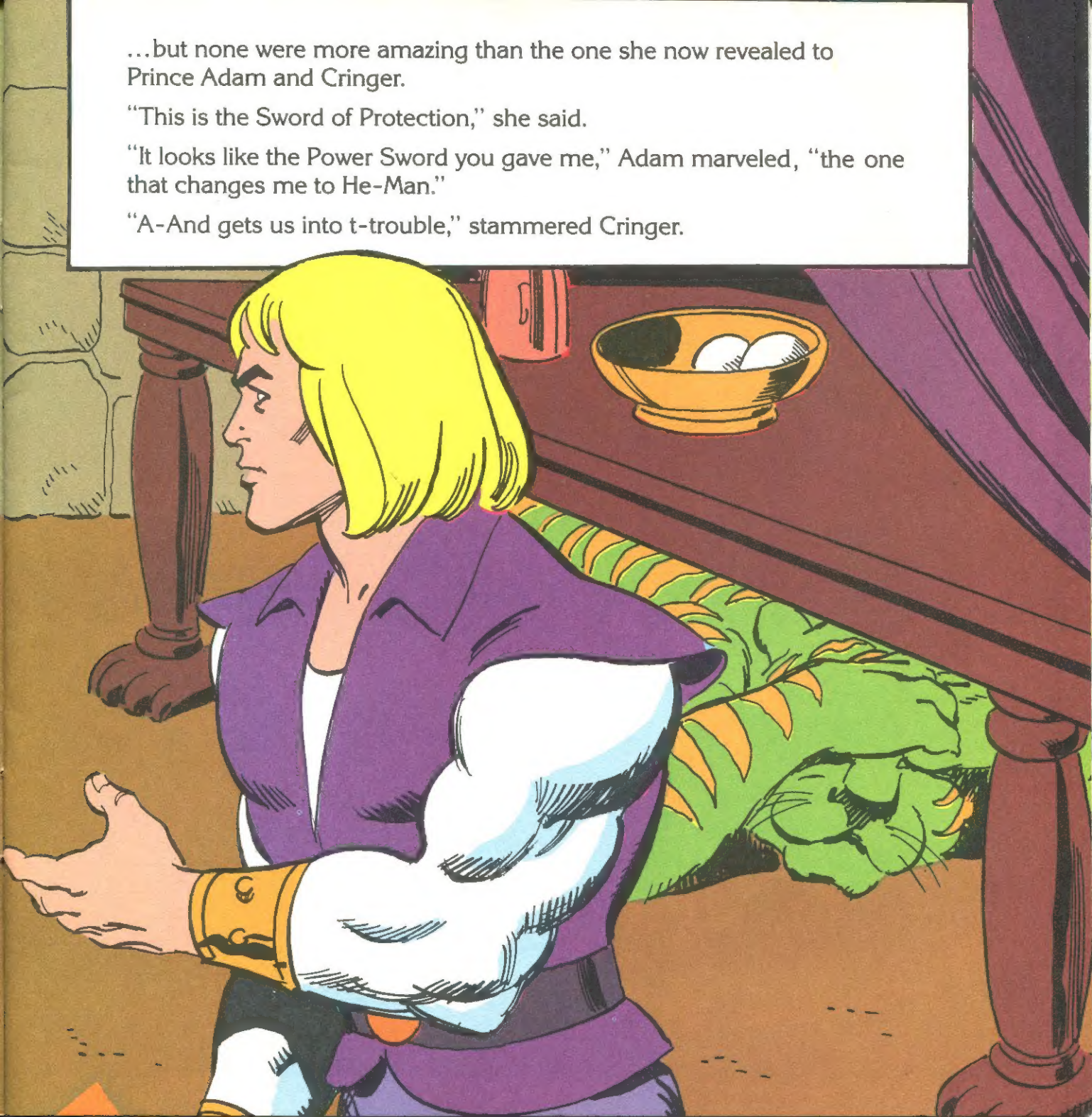
On Eternia, hidden within the Evergreen Forest, lay Castle Grayskull. Forever guarded by a wise and beautiful Sorceress, many ancient secrets were locked behind its cold stone walls...

...but none were more amazing than the one she now revealed to Prince Adam and Cringer.

"This is the Sword of Protection," she said.

"It looks like the Power Sword you gave me," Adam marveled, "the one that changes me to He-Man."

"A-And gets us into t-trouble," stammered Cringer.



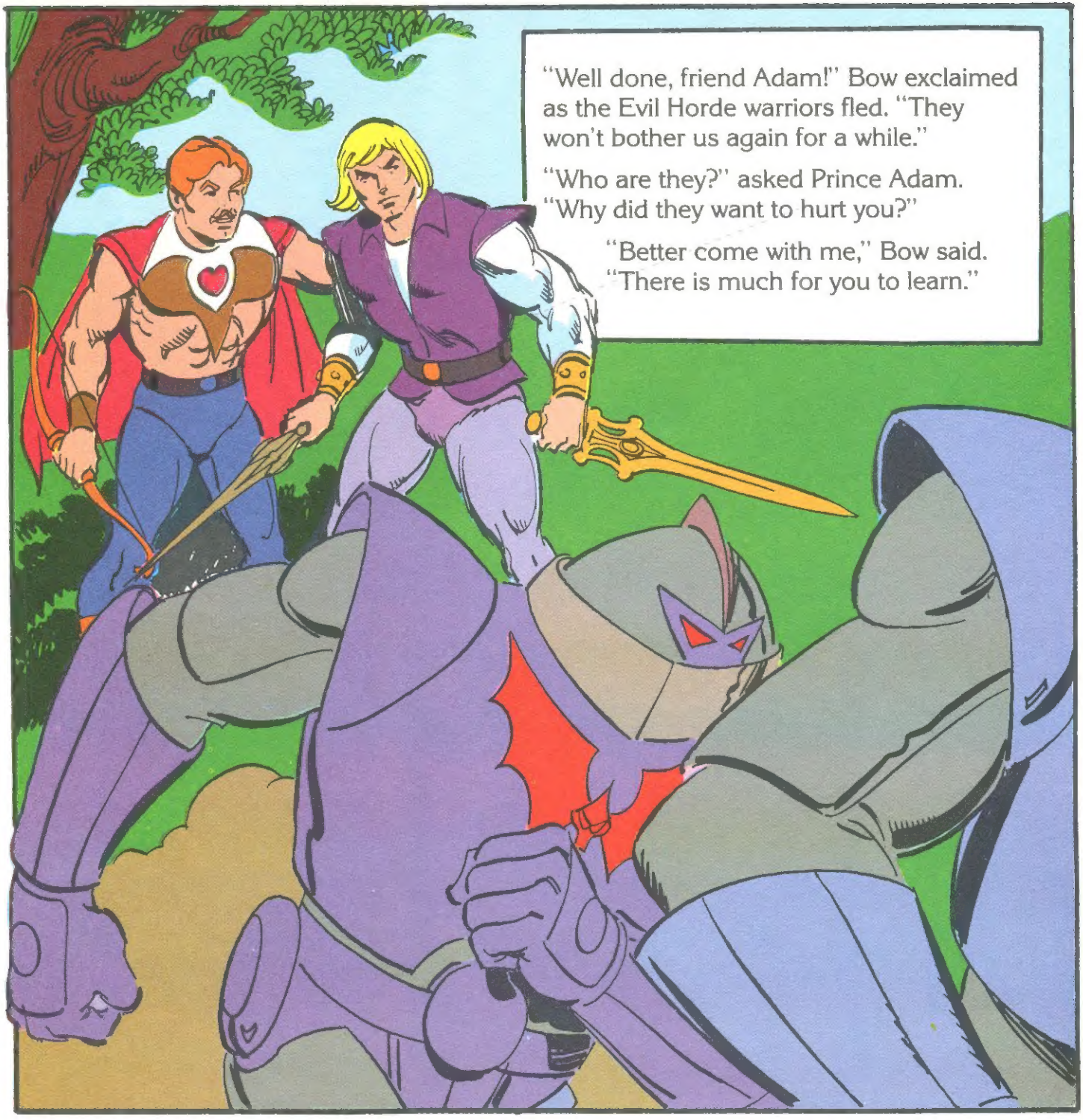
The Sorceress pointed to a magical-looking door. She said, "This portal will carry you to a planet called Etheria. There you must find the sword's *true* owner. Let the sword guide you. You will know when you have found her. And hurry! Both Etheria and Eternia are in danger!"

Prince Adam and Cringer arrived on Etheria in a burst of magic. They found themselves in a clearing, where a young man was battling several warriors.

"New here?" Kowl asked Cringer. "Never fear."

"C-Can't help it," Cringer stammered. "I *hate* trouble."

Kowl ruffled his feathers.
"I know what you mean.
But you'll hate the
Evil Horde more.
It was a cold, bitter day
When they touched
Etheria's shore!"

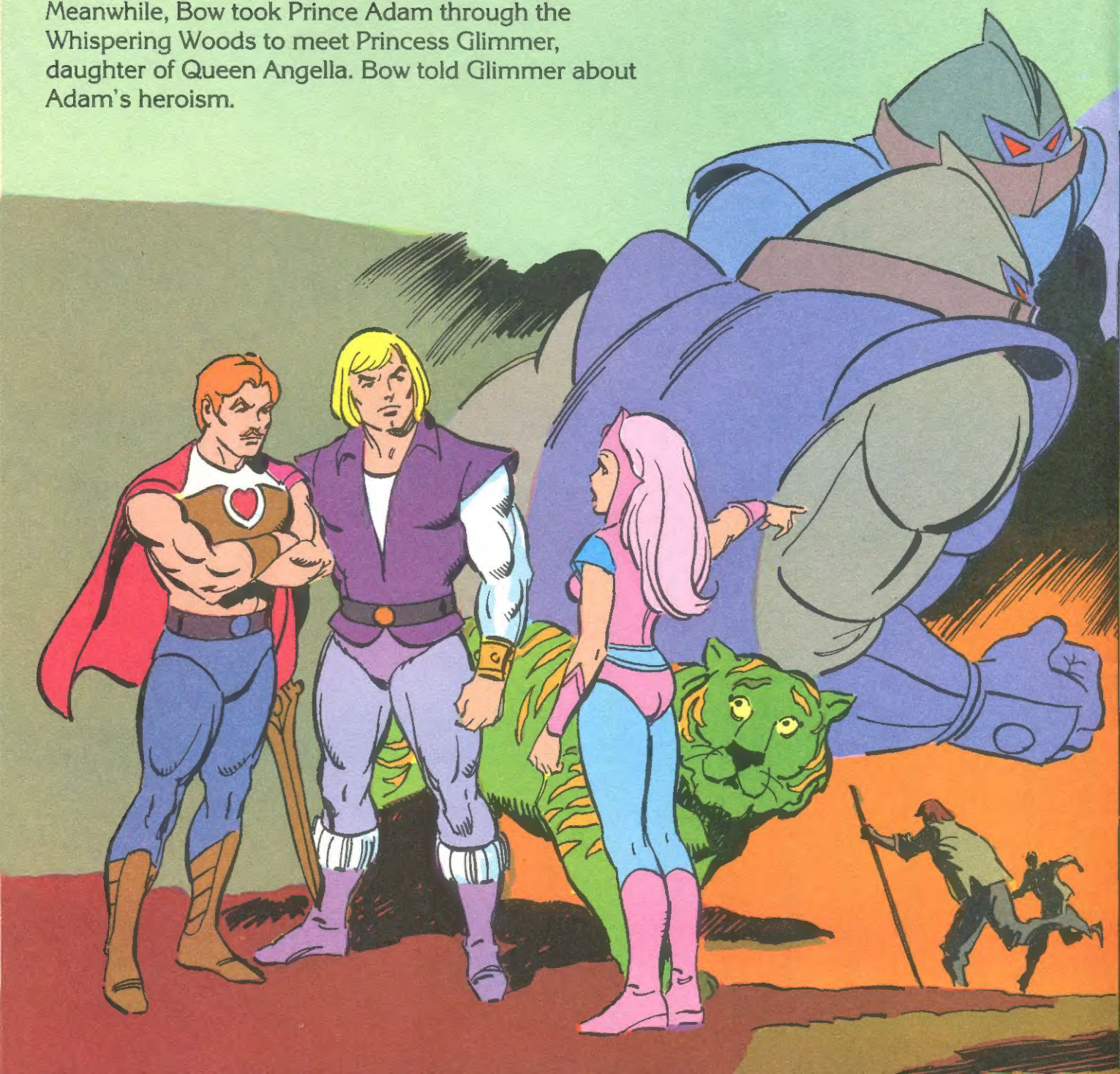

"Well done, friend Adam!" Bow exclaimed as the Evil Horde warriors fled. "They won't bother us again for a while."
"Who are they?" asked Prince Adam. "Why did they want to hurt you?"
"Better come with me," Bow said. "There is much for you to learn."

Others on Etheria were also seeking knowledge—in the dark and forbidding land known as the Fright Zone, home of the Evil Horde!

"The cards warn of a stranger, Lord Hordak," hissed the witch called Shadow Weaver. "He brings great trouble."

"He will be dealt with," said the evil Hordak. "Adora, you know what to do."

Meanwhile, Bow took Prince Adam through the Whispering Woods to meet Princess Glimmer, daughter of Queen Angella. Bow told Glimmer about Adam's heroism.



"Once Etheria was a quiet, peaceful world—until the arrival of the Evil Horde," Glimmer explained. "Now we must fight for our freedom...and the freedom of my mother, Queen Angella. She has been captured by the Evil Horde. But we don't know where she has been taken."

Suddenly a rumpled little woman appeared in a crackle of magic. "We do now," said Madame Razz. "Or at least I do! She has been taken to Beast Island!"

Glimmer turned away sadly. "Then it is *worse* than I thought. No one has ever escaped that dreadful place."

"Maybe not," said Prince Adam. "But there's always a first time for everything!"

Madame Razz set to work conjuring up a spell. And soon Prince Adam, Cringer, and the rebel band were all astride flying goats, racing toward Beast Island.

"G-Goats?" moaned Cringer. "D-Didn't Madame Razz mean to conjure up *boats*?"

"Shhh—you'll hurt her feelings, Cringer," said Prince Adam. "She means well. She just has trouble remembering the right spells. Besides, there's Beast Island now!"

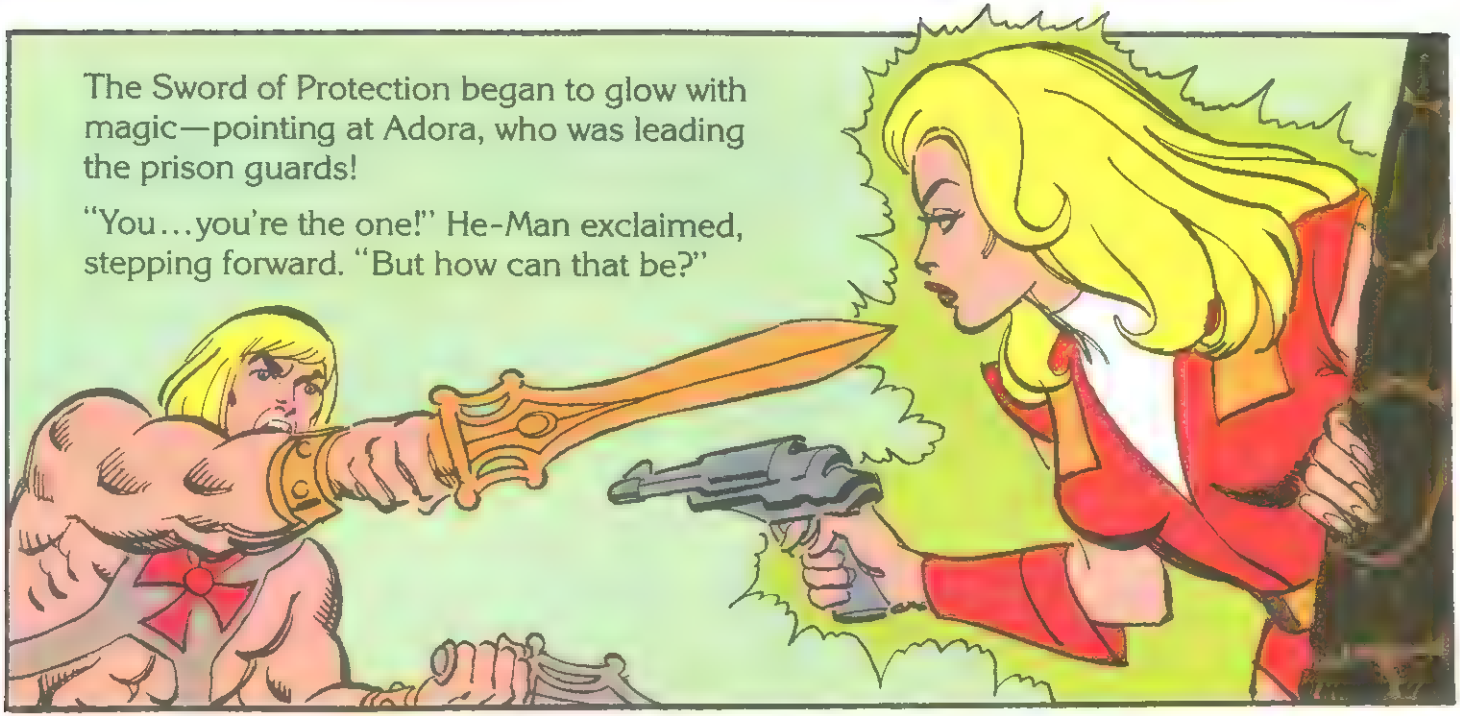
Suddenly an Evil Horde warship attacked the rebel band! In the confusion, Prince Adam and Cringer became separated from the others.

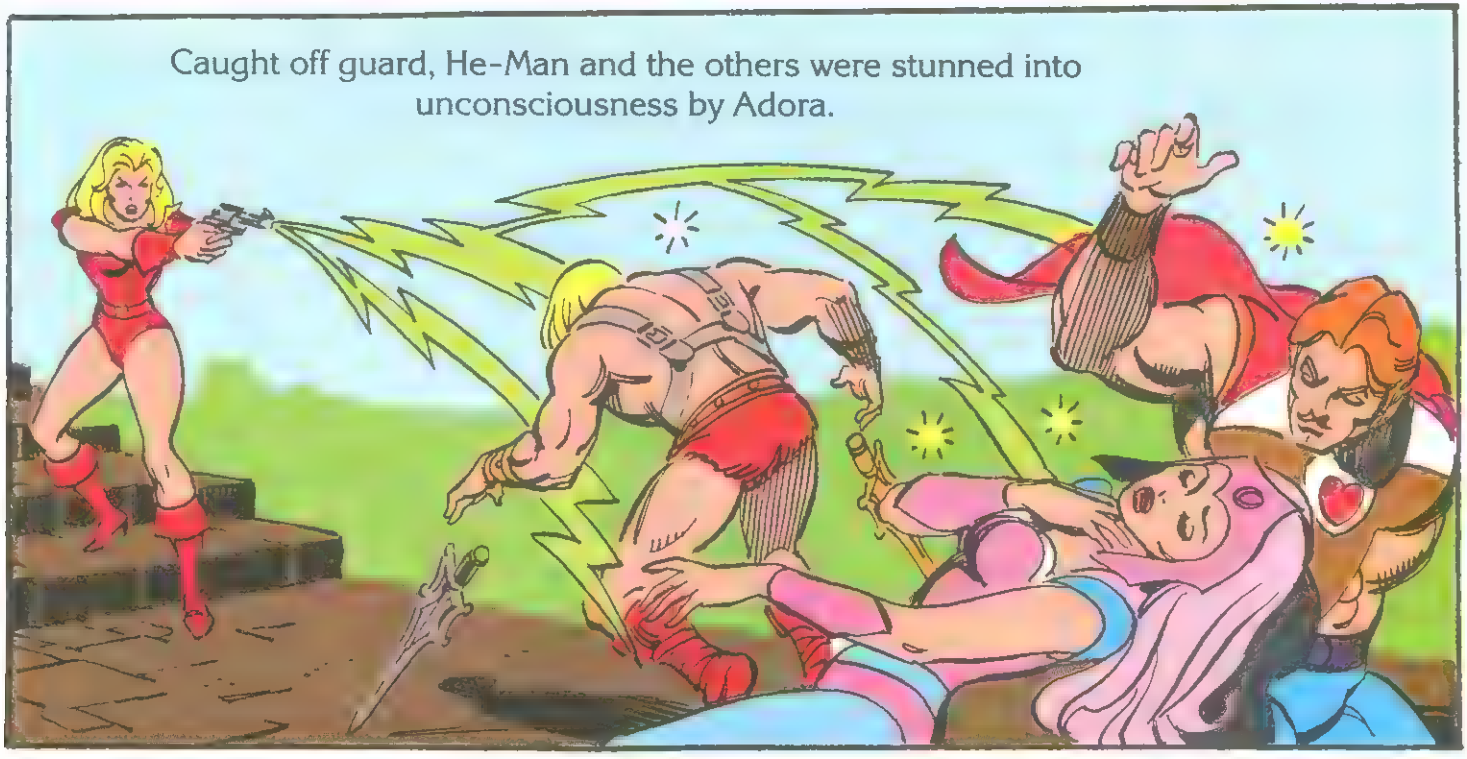
Reaching Beast Island, Prince Adam drew his hidden Power Sword.
By the power of Grayskull!
It's about time!
A burst of magic changed him into He-Man as Cringer became Battle Cat.

He-Man and Battle Cat headed toward the prison, where the rebel band was attacking the Evil Horde warriors. The band was more than equal to the prison guards, and they soon gained the upper hand.

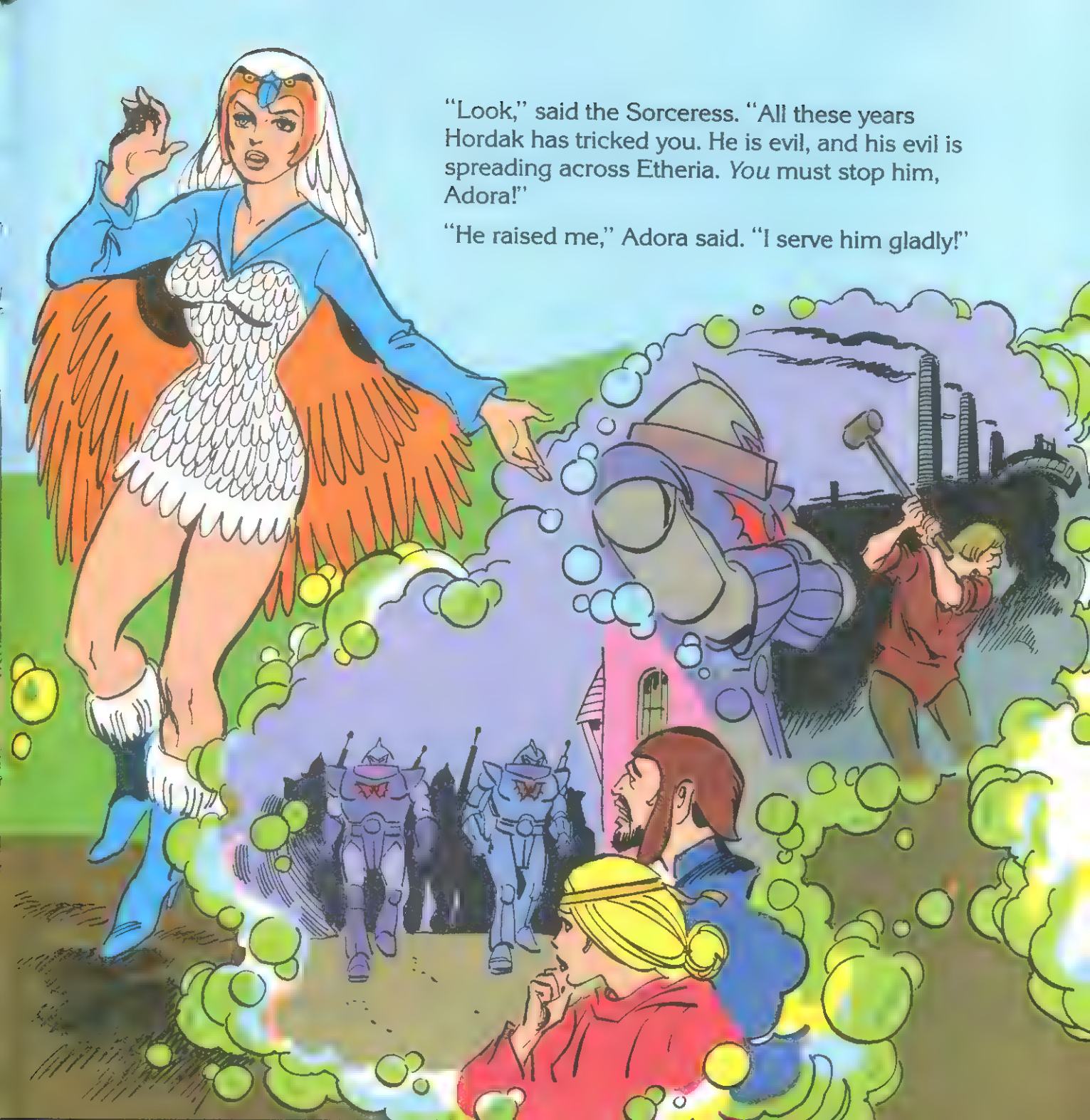
"We must find Queen Angella," Bow shouted.

"And I have another to find," thought He-Man, "the true owner of the Sword of Protection."


The Sword of Protection began to glow with magic—pointing at Adora, who was leading the prison guards!
"You…you're the one!" He-Man exclaimed, stepping forward. "But how can that be?"


Caught off guard, He-Man and the others were stunned into unconsciousness by Adora.

"Hordak will be pleased," Adora thought as she picked up the Sword of Protection. Magic flashed suddenly...



"Look," said the Sorceress. "All these years Hordak has tricked you. He is evil, and his evil is spreading across Etheria. *You* must stop him, Adora!"

"He raised me," Adora said. "I serve him gladly!"

"Hordak kidnapped you from the Palace of Eternia when you were an infant," the Sorceress explained. "He raised you, but you don't belong with him. You have a twin brother, Prince Adam, who has come to Etheria to find you. And now he lies, stunned by your gun blast, in his other identity—He-Man, protector of Eternia!"

"Now I have found you at last—thanks to He-Man—and your *true* destiny awaits," proclaimed the Sorceress.
For the honor of Grayskull, I am She-Ra!
"You are She-Ra, Princess of Power! Use that power wisely...for the cause of good!"

Filled with a newfound sense of goodness, She-Ra used her healing powers to awaken He-Man. "I'm sorry for the evil I have caused," she said. "But I'm going to make it up to you...and all Etheria."

"He-Man," said the Sorceress, "meet your sister, She-Ra, Princess of Power!"

"But—but," stammered He-Man, at a loss for words.

Then the Sorceress and She-Ra explained everything to him.

She-Ra awakened the members of the rebel band. As they struggled to their feet, they were confused and surprised to see She-Ra and He-Man.

She-Ra said, "I am She-Ra. I come from a place far away, as does He-Man, who stands by my side. We are here to help you."

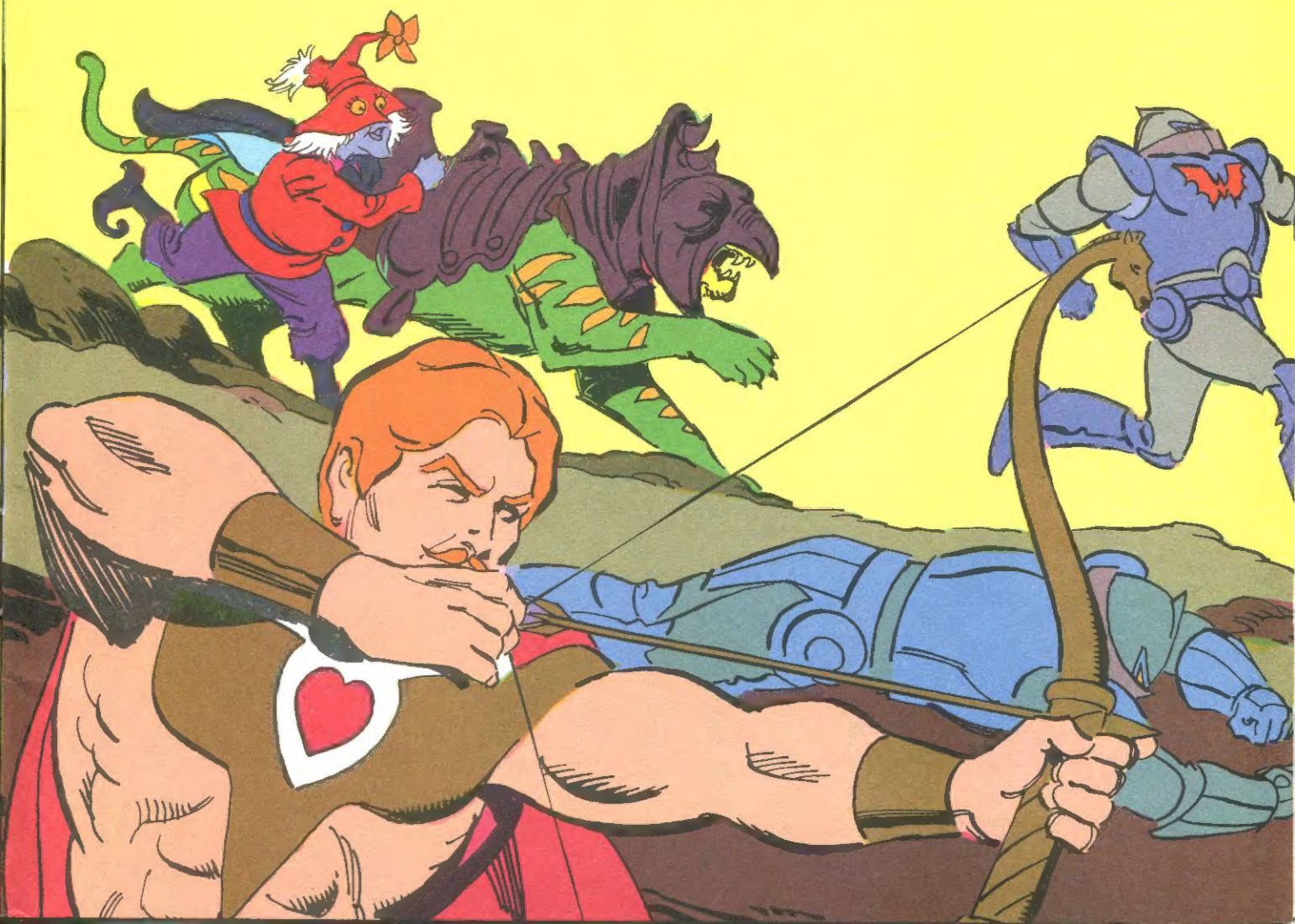
Bow said, "What happened to Prince Adam?"

"He is safe," said He-Man, "and I have taken his place here."

With She-Ra and He-Man at their side, the rebels quickly routed the Evil Horde warriors and freed Queen Angella.

"You fight well," said He-Man to She-Ra.

"I'd better," She-Ra answered. "After all, I am your sister!"



"I must return to Eternia now," He-Man said. "Will you join me?"

"I'm needed here," She-Ra said. "But one day... when Etheria is free once more..."

"For Etheria, then!" exclaimed He-Man as he and Battle Cat faded from sight. "And for my sister, She-Ra, Princess of Power!"

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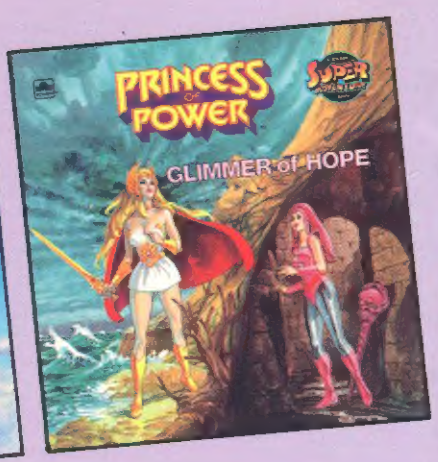

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